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SEVERAL of our valued contemporaries in the territory seem to be on a war footing already.

MILLIONS for defense. The honor and dignity of the United States will be upheld and maintained.

THE administration is preparing for all emergencies, but the fierce lying of the yellow journals keeps on.

THAT much advertised for back bone, on the part of the anti-administration papers, seems not to have been lost after all.

THE honor of the nation is safe in the hands of Mr. McKinley and the people so know and are content to abide by the decision of the administration.

IN place of religion, the Denver ministers talk politics in their sermons and then they wonder that Denver has the reputation of being somewhat wicked and a little tough.

ANOTHER resignation of a Democratic official. Mr. Vincent B. May has resigned as a member of the bureau of immigration. New Mexico certainly breaks all records.

Wonders are not infrequent even these degenerate days. Two Democratic district attorneys in New Mexico have resigned office within the past few days and others may follow suit.

THE bitter fights, that are said to be lurking about on the outskirts of New Mexico politics, have not yet materialized, except in the minds of correspondents of papers, who get paid for space.

THE old line insurance companies decline to take risks on the lives of colored postmasters sons of Mason's and Dixon's line. In view of recent occurrences and sundry assassinations, it must be admitted that this resolve is quite sensible.

MR. RICHARD CROKER has Greater New York so firmly by the throat, that he feels safe in going to England for a few months to gamble on the British race track. Quite a commentary this on American institutions as they are understood and interpreted in the greatest city in this country.

WITH a new district attorney in the Dona Ana county district, it is probable that the fearful mystery enshrouding the death of the late Albert J. Fountain and his innocent 13-year-old son may be lifted at an early date. It is very possible and more than probable that such will be the case.

SENSIBLE people on this side of the water would like to know what all this anti-semitic row in France is about anyway. There are 191,000 Hebrews in France, out of a population of 31,000,000 and what all the fuss is about and what Paris is afraid of, is not exactly clear.

THE Detroit Free Press makes the following sensible and timely remark as to the position of President McKinley in the Spanish-Cuban matter:

"All good Americans, regardless of party bias, will be gratified to observe the fine self-control and calm dignity with which President McKinley is bearing himself in the present crisis in the nation's foreign affairs. Not one single word has he uttered calculated to add to the tension of the situation, not one mistake has he yet made destined to increase the difficulties which threaten to involve us in war with Spain."

WORD reaches the NEW MEXICAN that a few ambitious politicians in Taos county are contemplating the creation of a fusion ticket to be composed of Republicans, Democrats and Pops, and this fusion ticket to contain no name of a candidate for delegate to congress, letting the individual voters exercise their own choice in every instance. It is said that a secret conference has been called to meet in Taos for the purpose of setting this plan in motion. The scheme should not be approved by any Republican and should meet with a very cold shoulder from good and public-spirited citizens. It simply means the division of the county offices among a few self-constituted leaders. The regularly constituted authorities, the Republican county committee for Taos, should frown down the proposition and should have nothing to do with it. A square and good fight should be made for Republican principles in Taos as well as in every other county in the territory. With a good fight, with strong nominations and with loyal and energetic work for the ticket, the Republicans of Taos county can and will elect every man on their county and legislative tickets and give a good majority for the Republican candidate for delegate to congress.

Good Work of the Bureau of Immigration.

Bulletin No. 1 treating of the climate, mineral springs and schools of New Mexico has been published by the bureau of immigration. The first edition consisting of 10,000 copies is to be used for free distribution at Omaha and during the Transmississippi exhibition in that city. The pamphlet contains 24 pages and is very neat and handy in appearance. It treats fully of the subjects enumerated above and cannot, when distributed, but do great good to the territory. Bulletin No. 2 will treat of agriculture and horticulture and bulletin No. 3 will have for its leading subject mining in New Mexico. All these bulletins are to be used for free distribution at Omaha. The plan pursued by the bureau in these publications is highly commendable and will prove very useful and truly beneficial. No better work can be done by the bureau than the preparation and printing for free distribution at Omaha of the right kind of printed matter, dealing with New Mexico's varied and great natural resources. The NEW MEXICAN is greatly gratified to be able to announce, that the bureau has adopted such a sensible and business like method of advertising New Mexico.

Prepared by Right and Might.

Events are rapidly carrying this country into war with Spain. This is plain to be seen by the activity of the latter country in making additions to her navy, the purchase of large supplies of ammunition in English markets and the sending of more troops to Cuba. It would be folly for the people of America to ignore these preparations on the part of the Spaniards, and the expected action of the house of representatives in passing the Cannon bill, which appropriated \$50,000,000 for the defense of the nation, will also prove a wise move.

There has been much talk of the unprotected condition of our seaboard and the smallness of the navy, but recent utterances of the army and navy authorities go to show that these necessary adjuncts of war are not in very bad shape after all, while comparisons with the armament of Spain makes it very clear that the United States is the superior of that country in every particular. The time that has intervened since the wrecking of the Maine has not been wasted, and while the delay in declaring war has given the Madrid government an opportunity to strengthen its position and navy, this country has been benefited in the same manner. The war, if it comes, cannot be of long duration, but it will be terrible in the loss of life and destruction of property. To those who have been so anxious for the conflict must make up their minds at the beginning.

The action of this government in patiently awaiting the report of the naval board of inquiry before taking any action in regard to the Maine disaster has placed the sympathies of the entire civilized world with the United States, and Spain will have to pass through the struggle unaided, which would have been the case even had not the complications arisen between Russia and Japan over the eastern question. "Be sure you are right, then go ahead," is a saying worth remembering, and in the Cuban question its close adherence has placed the United States in a position where we command the respect of all nations.

Solicitor General Bartlett.

In appointing Edward L. Bartlett, Esq., to be solicitor general of the territory to fill a vacancy existing in the office, Governor Otero has acted well, wisely and for the best interests of the territory.

General Bartlett is too well known throughout the territory to need any extended introduction at the hands of this journal. He is a lawyer of fine ability and attainments, a man of honor and probity, a public-spirited and exemplary citizen. He has already filled the important office of solicitor general for nearly six years from 1889 to 1895 and performed its duties with ability, diligence, care and success. During the years in which he served the territory as solicitor general, he was uniformly successful in all cases, wherein he appeared for the territory, either in the territorial or United States Supreme courts. The law makes the solicitor general the legal adviser of the executive and of all the other territorial officers, and General Bartlett will be found in the future, as he has demonstrated in the past, to be a safe, competent and fair legal adviser.

From a party standpoint Governor Otero certainly did the right thing in the right place. General Bartlett has been a consistent and loyal Republican since his residence in the territory, which he took up about 18 years ago. He has been a member of the Republican territorial central committee for many years and its chairman for the past five years. He has given his time, work and experience freely, and without cost to the Republican party and has labored for the party's principles and victory during all these years.

The selection is all the more commendatory as it was made by Governor Otero upon his own judgment and responsibility. General Bartlett had been a candidate for an appointment on the territorial supreme bench and had most creditable support. He was not in any sense of the word a candidate for the office of solicitor general and no pressure was brought to bear on his behalf. In looking over the names of the men, eligible and competent for that important office, Governor Otero concluded that General Bartlett was the proper man in all respects and named him. That the governor did absolutely right in the premises is apparent to all good citizens of the territory, and the NEW MEXICAN is absolutely sure, judging from past experience and knowledge of all concerned, that the governor's selection will prove highly creditable and very beneficial in every direction.

Governor Otero will stand by the law and by the prerogatives of his office firmly and strongly. Public sentiment supports the governor in his action. The law is on his side. Nothing else is needed and if any man or citizen feels aggrieved and desires to invoke the law, why let him. As far as carrying on a fight in Washington, that's all right. Travel is cheap and there are no passport needed and any man who desires to go to Washington to fire in complaints against Governor Otero's course is at the utmost liberty so to do and as quickly and as rapidly as he desires. There will be no holding back from this side of the house. These few remarks are called forth by the reports and insinuations that have appeared in certain Democratic papers concerning Governor Otero's action in declaring a vacancy in the office of solicitor-general of New Mexico and filling the same by a new appointment.

Right You Are.

From the many complimentary notices which Governor Otero is continually receiving in the territorial press we think the young governor is making many friends regardless of party.—Deming Headlight.

HAPPY LAS VEGAS

Prosperity Beams Upon the Meadow City—Many Contracts for Building Already Let.

NEW RAILROAD TO TAOS

Interesting Letter from the New Mexican's Special Correspondent Concerning Conditions in San Miguel County and Contiguous Country.

Special Correspondence New Mexican. Las Vegas, N. M.—If any one imagines that this city is not up with the procession so far as business and enterprise are concerned, he would better disabuse his mind of that idea at once or the local citizens will "git him sure" on the next visit. Local pride is one of the characteristics of the average resident of the city of the Meadows, and the visitor who fails to recognize that trait is without friends in a strange land.

At the present time Las Vegas is in that condition where men say "the future is assured, things are coming our own way and the outside world must recognize the fact at once." As an earnest of this statement it is only necessary to state that the coming season will see the erection of about 30 dwellings, contracts for the building of which have been entered into, and the building season has only begun. The wholesale and retail business concerns are enjoying a rush of business which is almost unprecedented at this time of the year, and the outlook for the coming season never was better. This condition of affairs is somewhat difficult for an outside stranger in the territory to understand, but to anyone who has some knowledge of the surrounding country there is nothing strange about it.

Tributary to this place is an extensive scope of country which takes in the whole of San Miguel county, a large portion of Mora, Taos, Union and Grants counties and a trade which reaches the Colorado line on the north. Then the wool market, which is undoubtedly the largest retail, or producers' selling point, in the United States, brings a vast volume of business here which would otherwise seek other points. When all these advantages are understood the business activity of the town is easily accounted for. The country from which this trade is drawn is equal in productiveness and natural resources of any other part of the southwestern country, and in base value is far ahead of other portions of the territory in progressiveness; fortunate Las Vegas reaps the benefit.

And apparently only a beginning of the natural outcome of such situation has been realized. The next step in the development of this commercial interests which seem to center around San Miguel's county seat is the building of a railroad from here into the Mora country and over the divide into Taos county to the town of Taos, one of the most prosperous inland towns in New Mexico, a distance of about 90 miles. A feasible route has already been decided upon from this place to Mora and Hon. F. A. Manzanarez, Colonel Altberger and Mr. L. M. Ross are now locating the line of the road between Mora and Taos. Since the organization of the Las Vegas, Mora & Taos Railroad company many have expressed serious doubts concerning the building of the road, but the energetic manner in which the organizers have been pushing preliminary work the "doubting Thomases" have been more guarded in their predictions of failure, and now business is so active there is something in the movement which promises success.

The construction of this line will give Las Vegas the command of the trade of the numerous settlements of the Mora and Taos valleys and increase the wool market in no inappreciable degree; will result in the settlement of thousands of acres of land and open up the great mineral deposits in the mountains in that section of the country which are already known but not worked for lack of transportation facilities. True, freighters are engaged in hauling produce of all kinds out of that region but for this day and age mule teams are somewhat slow and entirely too expensive. The promoters of the road have hit upon the proper caper for developing that country and the strange part of the whole business is that such a road was not built long ago.

To come down to matters of a less general nature, allow me to remark that Chief Justice Mills seems to be the right man in the right place. His appointment of Mr. Secundino Romero as clerk of the Fourth District pleased everybody concerned, and Mr. Romero followed up a sensible act by committing another when he appointed "Charley" Shirk as his deputy. There is nothing in this remark that has any bearing upon politics in the country, it is only a reflection of the remarks heard on every hand concerning the appointments. Just to make a guess at the situation regarding the courts I would say that the utterance of a prominent young Democrat of the city covered the whole matter. Said the person referred to: "Judge Mills knows what he is doing, and we have no kick coming. He is all right." That is not my opinion, for it is the business of a correspondent to have nothing of the kind floating about him, but the candid expression of a resident of the city and a man who expects to have dealings of a legal nature in the county and district courts, and who feels that every body will have fair show when Judge Mills is on the bench and Mr. Romero and Mr. Shirk are in the clerk's office.

So far as politics in San Miguel county are concerned the public will have to learn for itself as the campaign advanced. A political letter from another part of the territory, recently published in the New Mexican, kicked up such a row that it is probably best not to repeat the experiment of telling just how matters stand. The funny part of the row mentioned was that it was kicked up by the very men who took the most pains to thoroughly post me on the situation, knowing full well that the information was desired for publication, and then when it appeared in print they never said it. As a prominent attorney said, during the recent investigation into alleged bribery of the last legislature, "The attitude of New Mexico has a queer effect upon the minds of men—they forget so soon after a thing happens."

But then all this has nothing to do with the city of Las Vegas. The local merchants are doing a good business and encouraged by the success of last year are branching out considerably; increasing their stocks and otherwise preparing for a large business the coming summer and fall. The prices paid for cattle, sheep, wool and grains of all kinds promise to be better than last fall, and the effect of this increase in the supply of ready money will be felt to a large degree where so large a scope of country is to be supplied with both the necessities and luxuries of life. Las Vegas is keeping up her end of the row in bringing New Mexico to the front, and so long as this is done, no one will begrudge her the present prosperous times. O. L. R.

THE ADMINISTRATION AND SENATOR HANNA

Not the Alter Ego of the President—The Course of the Yellow Journals An Injustice and a Detriment.

(Washington Post.) It is unfortunate, both for the administration and for himself, that every utterance of Senator Hanna is seized upon by the public press and paraded as having been inspired by the president. We do not believe that Mr. Hanna occupies the position or discharges the functions of Mr. McKinley alter ego, neither is it conceivable that he has ever in his most distant way, pretended to do so. But the use that is made of his words from time to time is in the last degree deplorable. It is embarrassing to him and to the president, and it leads to false impressions upon the mind of the people.

No one who knows Mr. Hanna will imagine for one moment that he intended to express anything more than his personal opinion when he said in New York the other day, that there would be no war. He thinks there will be no war, and so think several millions of intelligent and thoughtful men in this country; but he knows that no one, not even the president, can speak with absolute authority in the premises. Indeed, the president is the last source to which such a declaration should be ascribed, since congress, which is now in session, has supreme authority in that respect. But, even were the case otherwise, it would still be true that neither the president nor any member of his cabinet is in a position to say with confidence what is to be the outcome of the existing situation. It is true that the situation is a very delicate one, and that it is fraught with unhappy possibilities, but Spain is still a friendly power, there is not so far an iota of evidence upon which to base the expectation of a change in our international relations, and the president or any other member of the administration, should see fit to comment publicly upon the existing state of things, would, for obvious reasons, do so in the line of peaceful possibility.

What Mr. Hanna really said in New York was, after all, discreet enough. It was simply this: "A serious condition is confronting us, but so far as I know there will be no war."

"The policy of the administration seems to be wisely conservative. I cannot say what congress will do in the event of decisive action by the president, but as for myself he will have my enthusiastic support."

If he had pretended to speak for the president and by authority, the criticism we see in the newspapers would be amply justified. But there is nothing to show or even to suggest that he indulged in any such pretense, and the criticisms in question, therefore, strike us as utterly unwarranted. It is deplorable, this disposition on the part of the press to attach a White House significance to any remark that Mr. Hanna may choose to make. It operates an injustice both to him and to the president, and its tendency is to confuse and mislead the general public.

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